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**Box: PATENT APPLICATION**

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**Re:** New Patent application of: Edward M. SCHEIDT  
**Title:** ENCRYPTION PROCESS INCLUDING A BIOMETRIC UNIT

Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent which includes:

- [x] A description pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.71. (36 Pages)
- [x] At least one claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.75. (1 Page)

In view of the above, it is requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

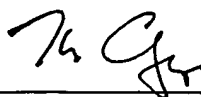
The rights of priority are claimed under 35 USC §119 of U.S. provisional patent application no. 60/098,915, which was filed on September 1, 1998.

A Declaration signed by the inventor and the filing fee will be submitted in due course.

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